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## POLITICAL MOVES.

### THE "GREAT NATIONAL GAME" WAXES INTERESTING.

Conventions Select Players for the Coming Contest—Some Good Men Chosen—The Municipal Athletics.

The republican judicial and senatorial convention met in Rochester, and made the following nominations by acclamation:

In the nomination for judge, N. L. Essick was nominated, Judge Hess having withdrawn his name.

J. V. Shunk, of Tippecanoe, was chosen for prosecuting attorney.

Hon. M. W. Simons was the unanimous choice of the convention for state senator.

It is said they had quite a jollification down there today and a large number of republicans were present to enjoy the love feast.

### THE TICKETS.

A Short Synopsis Regarding the Tickets Presented for our People to Choose from at the Spring Election.

On Tuesday, May 5th, we will be called upon to elect a councilman in each of the three wards. Never in the history of the city, so we are told, has so much excellent timber been presented for our people to choose from. In fact, when look at the candidates from a non-political view, it would be considerable of a job to pick out the best men. The desire of our people is, for men who will rise above party affiliations and work for the good of our city. The following are the name of those nominated:

#### FIRST WARD.

ENOCH POOR:—Was nominated by the people's party, and is a dealer in coal. He is considered a man capable of making a good councilman.

DAN K. HARRIS:—Is the candidate presented by the democrats in this ward. Mr. Harris held the office of sheriff in this county. Although well up in years, he is considered by his party a good man for the office.

C. E. CLEVELAND:—Placed in the field against all comers by the republicans, and an excellent business man Mr. Cleveland has been in Plymouth about five years and connected with the Edgerton Manufacturing Co. There is no doubt that his work in the council would be properly attended to.

#### SECOND WARD.

WM. SMITH:—Was nominated by the people's party and we understand has been a citizen of Plymouth for a number of years.

JOHN A. PALMER:—Is a candidate on the democratic ticket and is considered one of their strongest men. Mr. Palmer along business lines is said to be conservative.

M. C. WALLS:—The republican candidate is what his name would imply—steady and conscientious. We believe, his party affiliations would never come between him and his duty to his town.

#### THIRD WARD.

CHAS. F. CHANEY:—Candidate on people's party ticket in the place of Dr. Jackson who declined. While considered by a great many as very radical along certain lines, would without doubt prove an efficient councilman.

J. N. WILSON:—The gentleman is a candidate on the democrat ticket, and a member of the firm of Ketcham & Wilson, and, as we have previously announced would make an excellent councilman.

D. L. DICKENSON:—Is the standard bearer for the republicans, and is one of the men held up by the INDEPENDENT as an exceptional candidate for that position.

#### Got A Wheel.

For the past few days a young fellow giving his name as Lawrence Durst, who claims to be from South Bend, has been in Plymouth, without indications of employment of any kind. It is reported last Saturday that he borrowed a bicycle of one of the boys at the factory and has not shown up with it yet. Circumstances make his non-appearance look suspicious.

#### Kafir Corn.

Our readers will remember that we have spoken about Kafir corn. We have received a large invoice of it. Samples of the corn may be seen here where it may be purchased from a half pound up to as large a quantity as desired. It is not necessary for us to go into a detailed account of this cereal, as it has been spoken of heretofore.

## Church Items.

The third quarterly conference of U. B. church of this city will be held next Saturday evening and Sunday Rev. C. H. Bell the P. E. will be here to dispatch the business of the conference. A full attendance is desired especially of the officials, as there is to be a delegate elected to send to the annual conference.

The Thursday evening prayer meeting of the Methodist church has received a new impulse and has an increased attendance. Every member who can do so should avail himself of this midweek hallowed hour of prayer and praise. Cottage prayer meeting with Hugh Gallagher, West Jefferson street, Friday evening.

Next Saturday and Sunday will occur the third quarterly meeting of the M. E. church of this city for this conference year. Rev. H. N. Ogden, the presiding elder, will preach Saturday at 7:30 p. m. and at 10:30 Sunday morning. The quarterly conference will be held Saturday evening at 8:30 o'clock, the sacramental service at the close of the morning service.

The services at the Methodist church Sunday were all held down stairs. The Sunday-school was large and interesting. The Epworth league service was admirably led by Mrs. Howard Kelley. Additional lights had been conveniently placed, the floor carpeted and other changes made, so transforming the room as to create an agreeable surprise, expressed by many who attended. A large number of strangers were in the evening audience. Announcements were made of a geographical Epworth league social, to be held Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kelley, on Walnut street.

The official board of the M. E. church at its meeting Tuesday evening gave orders for the preparation of the lecture room for all services. The floor has been carpeted, seats from the auditorium brought down, and other changes made, rendering it cozy and comfortable. Its seating capacity is enlarged by changing the location of the stoves and removing the folding doors on the west side, so that ample room is made for a congregation of 350 persons. The gallery can be used for one or two classes in reciting the Sunday-school lesson. The audience room is closed for repair. A steel ceiling has been ordered. Other repairs are contemplated, a statement of which will be made next Sunday. Attendants at the church have noted for months the unsightly appearance of the ceiling and a portion of it recently falling off during services has forcibly impressed the trustees of the danger in continuing the use of the room until repaired. It is expected that the work of repairs will be pushed rapidly forward and the auditorium will be re-opened.

ST. THOMAS CHURCH.—At the annual meeting of the Ladies' Parish guild the following officers were elected: Mrs. Ella B. Simons, president; Mrs. Jane N. Cleveland, vice-president; Mrs. Ida E. Smith, secretary; Mrs. Mary Augusta Lamson, treasurer; Mrs. Frances E. Jilson and Mrs. Harriet L. Marks, directors. There are \$200 in the treasury.

The convocation of the Northern Deanery, at Lima, April 16 and 17, was of extraordinary interest. Bishop White, of Indianapolis, and Bishop Vincent, of Cincinnati, were present and ten clergymen of the deanery. The corner stones of Black Hall, and James B Howe hall were laid Friday afternoon with appropriate ceremony. The weather was delightful, the band in good tone, the cadets in full dress, and a large assembly interested. Howe military school is very flourishing. Edward R. Danforth "struck the cymbals" in the band and Theodore Sherman was in form with the Industrial school pupils. The rector had a chance interview with Mrs. Knickerbocker on the train at Ft. Wayne. She has been in Indianapolis during the winter and is to go to California in May.

#### Took a Nap.

They tell a good joke on Jim O'Brien and how it has been kept quiet so long is indeed a mystery. Some time ago he was in the Phoenix cigar store enjoying the evening, and succumbed to the desire to take a nap. There are several conflicting stories regarding the location of his humble cot, but be that as it may, when Charlie came to close up that night he did not discover Jim, who was locked in the store. His peaceful slumbers were not disturbed until 4 o'clock the next morning, and the rector that took possession of him for fear of the night watches would discover him and fill his body with lead, was truly terrible. When day light appeared he succeeded in making his escape through a side door.

## Tolerated Evils.

Editors of "THE INDEPENDENT."—We take fresh courage and new zeal every time we read your crusade against the evils of the cigarette.

You are doing more to educate people in that line of our work, than you know perhaps. Mrs. Fannie Cleveland is our able superintendent on narcotics, and she is alert on the cigarette question. We are anxiously awaiting the next convening of our state senate and legislature, and will be ready with petitions against any law favoring the use or sale of this narcotic, which is running so many of our boys.

A Washington paper is responsible for the following bit of congressional history.

"When a new carpet is to be bought for the house or senate, it must be of American manufacture."

An artist submits special designs for approval which the contract requires shall never be duplicated. A velvet carpet is selected and if the artist is wise enough to have a good many figures that present the general effect of tobacco spit, it preserves the appearance after congress has been in session a month or two."

In the name of American womanhood we protest against the large appropriations congress makes each year, that is taxed from the people for such shameful waste and extravagance. But there is a moral question that far overbalances that of economy. How are we to teach the coming generations the evil of the tobacco habit when the halls of congress where our young men ought to receive inspiration for goodness and greatness, are vile with tobacco fumes, when a few steps away that august body of statesmen can be accommodated with any intoxicant fancy may dictate.

All this and other evils under the dome of the capitol of the greatest nation on earth. It is such evils as these that make woman suffragists of the retiring woman and mothers who prefer the sanctity and refuge of a quiet home.

W. C. T. U.

#### The Y Ray Discovered.

When Prof. Rontgen discovered the X ray by which hitherto unseen substances were brought easily and readily into the sphere of vision, it was considered a marvel among marvels in an age of marvels surpassing the dreams of the wildest imagination of any preceding age. It looked fair to rest as the copstone on the stupendous and finely wrought structure of nineteenth century genius. But, if reports are true, an Iowa farmer named Johnson has laid the accidental discovery of Prof. Rontgen in the deep, deep shade. He has discovered the Y ray, by which the process long sought by alchemists and alleged visionaries, of converting base metals into fine gold, has been made as simple as A. B. C. Farmer Johnson simply pours a pound of lead or wire nails or the finely cut fragments of the copper bottom of his wife's discarded wash boiler, into an old collar box and turns on the mysterious Y ray when, presto! the box is filled with gold. It passes our comprehension, but we shall no doubt understand it in a few days when scientific light is thrown upon the subject. We confide this matter gently to the public and trust that all will be well, but tremble violently and apprehensively when we consider the possibilities of the still undiscovered Z ray.

#### Found the Mail Sack.

Our readers will remember the incident regarding the mail sack which was stolen at Bourbon last winter and no trace of it ever found. Friday afternoon Clifford Garrison, while harrowing in a field about 100 yards northeast of the mail post on which the sack was suspended that evening, dragged it out of its hiding with a harrow. A slit about a foot long had been cut in the bag, but not even an envelope was found near the place where the mail bag had lain in hiding so long.

#### The M. E. General Conference.

will convene at Cleveland, Ohio, May 1st. Low rates have been authorized via the Nickel Plate road for this occasion. That company operators splendidly equipped trains with all modern appliances for speed, safety, and comfort. For time of trains, or other information address any agent or B. F. Horner, general passenger agent, Cleveland, Ohio.

#### Excursion to Indianapolis.

On account of the meeting of the Grand chapter of Independent Order of Eastern Star, at Indianapolis, the Vandalia line will sell tickets at one and one-third fare for round trip. Good going April 21st and 22nd, and returning up to and including April 24.

T. A. DOWNS, Agt.

## SAYS IT IS UNTRUTHFUL.

Mr. Brooke Wonders How We Made an Error in the Donaldson Matter.

The efforts used by the News man to strike at THE INDEPENDENT through some innocent party, seems to be his forte. In his issue Friday he utilized two victims: His agent at Bourbon and Mr. Pearson, of Donaldson. The only apology needed in the latter case was given to Mr. Pearson day before yesterday, and if this great exponent of TRUTH and JUSTICE was given the information as it appeared in his sheet yesterday, there is something radically wrong, for we informed Mr. Pearson Thursday why the report he sent in was not published. The letter Mr. Pearson wrote was received but misplaced and has not been found yet.

The report we got regarding the robbery at Donaldson came from such reliable source that we did not hesitate in giving it as facts. Mr. Pearson surely could have notified us by telephone of the occurrence in the first place and thus save the trouble.

But we wish to call the attention of our readers among the general public to the inconsistency of Ed S. Brooke in this matter. Here is a window broken at Donaldson, several pairs of shoes stolen, and some other minor articles. THE INDEPENDENT through information, reported it as it came from that place. This earnest, broad-minded straight-forward newspaper man takes the opportunity of dealing a quiet blow as to the accuracy of the item in THE INDEPENDENT, and intimates it takes only reports. How is it about his local works.

How far back do we have to go to bring refreshingly to this, and the public minds the cruel, unmanly, and cowardly report regarding the Sweet affair, wherein he quoted an article from the Democrat that accused the old man of murder, when at the same time he knew by the article in THE INDEPENDENT that such report was false. That we had sent a reporter to the home of the unfortunate widow, who with tears in her eyes pronounced the whole story a lie from beginning to end. Why did not this intellectual nonentity at that time show a disposition to deal honestly with his fellowmen, instead of helping to spread the infamous lie to the four winds of heaven. Nor was that all. In his efforts to utilize his vindictive nature to its fullest capacity, he, in as far as lay in his power, defamed the name of the dead man, by referring to his treatment of his children.

While Mr. Brooke was so anxious to do the square thing he should have asked Mr. Pearson regarding the Sweet business, through whom he could have learned that THE INDEPENDENT gave the facts as stated by a man of truth and veracity.

#### A Social Dance.

There was a social dance at the residence of Frank Stevens last Saturday evening, and an excellent time was enjoyed by all those who participated in the enjoyable affair. The following is a correct list of those present:

Chan Cogle	Amanda Rhinehart
Harry Colmanand	Cora Stevens
Louis Boyer	Maud Fink
John Anders	Stella Harker
Hubert Vanvactor	Della Harker
Otto Wilson	Gertie Stevens
Will Reynolds	Orie Stevens
Lon McLandis	Daisy Dickey
Elmer Samuels	Lester Downs.

#### A Pleasant Time.

Last Saturday afternoon a number of our young people gathered at the home of Harriet Jacoby, and had an excellent time.

Those who were present and enjoyed the occasion were:

May Disher	Harry Hoham
Genera McCrory	Lloyd Morris
Edith Kendall	Ford Reynolds
Lotta Suseland	Horace Corbin
Flora Kowitz	William Wood

They had a very enjoyable time.

#### The Fish Law.

We have been requested to give the fish law, and below give it for the benefit of our readers.

"Whoever shall take any fish with a gig or spear during the months of March, April, May, June, January, February, November or December of any year; or whoever shall in any month of any year take any fish from any lake which has been stocked with fish by the United States Government at any time during the first three succeeding years after it has been stocked by the United States Government, with a gig or spear or whoever shall at any time of any year take from the lakes rivers or small streams of this state by means of exploding dynamite or any other explosive material in the lakes, rivers or small streams of this state any fish, or shall take any fish with a net, seine, gun or trap of any kind, or set-net, wire or pot in any of the lakes, ponds, rivers or small streams of this state, is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction therefore shall be fined not more than \$25 and not less than \$5 for each fish so taken."

## LENDING A HELPING HAND.



Aspiring Young Lawyer—I am promised a cool thousand, Miss Greenway, if I secure a verdict for my client in a case now pending. What will you say when I am able to tell you that my case is won?

Miss Greenway (with diffidence)—I might suggest the possibility of making our own case one.—To Date.

## MORTUARY RECORD.

Two More Old Settlers Numbered with the Dead.

Mead Thompson, familiarly known among his friends as "Uncle Mead," died Sunday night at his home in this city at 1 o'clock. His health has been failing for the last six months, but the paralytic stroke which he suffered a week ago Saturday night, together with a complication of diseases, hastened the end. Uncle Mead was born in Christiansburg, Va., the 16th day of April 1816. With his brother Flen he went to Ohio in 1833 and settled near Springfield, living there until he was 26 years old. While there he married Mary Fuller, from which union he became the father of seven children. From Ohio he moved to Montgomery county, Ill., and after residing there a year he moved to Wolf Creek, this county, in 1843, where he carried on the occupation of a farmer until 1880 when he moved to Plymouth, making it his residence since that time. He leaves four children, all of whom were at his bedside at the time of his death. The children who survive him are: Emeline Pickeler, Martha Hoham, Wm Thompson, and Irvin Thompson.

Sunday morning at 3 o'clock at his home, seven miles northwest of Plymouth, Abraham Miller at the age of 85 years, 7 months and 11 days, breathed his last. Mr. Miller, who was well known in Plymouth, was born near Dayton, Ohio, in 1811. Moved to Elkhart, Ind., in 1830 and to Marshall county in 1848 where he has since resided with the exception of one year which he spent in Iowa. He was the father of thirteen children but only three of them survive him. They are Mrs. Hester Wolfgang, Noah Miller and Samuel Miller.

The cause of Mr. Miller's death was a cancer from which he has suffered the last eighteen years. The longevity of the Miller family is remarkable. He had fourteen brothers and sisters, ten of whom are still living. They are: John Miller, 83; Dave Miller, 88; Samuel Miller, of this city, 81; Stephen Miller, 77; Solomon Miller, 75; Noah Miller, 95; Mrs. Samuel Cripe, 73; Mrs. Henry Cripe, 79; Mrs. Daniel Hess, 70.

The funeral of the deceased will be held at the Blissville church tomorrow at 2 o'clock.

#### A Straying Pilgrim.

A weary and worn "Willie," travel-stained, and a hunted three-for-a-quarter expression on his classic features, reclined a short time this morning on the platform south of Ketcham & Wilson's hardware store. He had a burden to carry in the shape of a garment, once a coat, a tomato can and other "foreign" tin utensils were carried in his white shapely hand.

His breath was laden with a perfume of 40-rod, and his artistically constructed lower limbs trembled under the heavy load of the anti-Nicholson beverage.

It was truly a pathetic sight to see him endeavor to eat a piece of Fox cracker interspersed with a layer of Boston baked beans. He bathed his dry lunch with tears of discontent, and cursed the luck that did not permit him to eat three square meals a day.

But when he took the News reporter for his long lost brother, the nervous strain was too much for us, and we turned from the pathetic scene to hide a tear and take a chew of "star." "Willie" then wandered "across the bridge," and his form soon vanished in a cloud of Michigan street dust.

## A DASTARD'S CRIME.

### THE TOWN OF ARGOS ALL TORN UP.

Leroy Bracus, a Young Man Over Twenty Years of Age, Ravishes Mrs. Elizabeth Kershaw, Over 70 Years of Age—A Tale Without a Parallel in This County.

It is a pity that there is born into the world, those who in their whole lives gives conclusive evidence that the devil has a mortgage on their soul and bodies. But such has been the case ever since civilization has been recognized as a factor in elevating mankind. Our sister city Argos is now in the throes of one of the most revolting, damning transactions that has ever disgraced Marshall county.

Mrs. Elizabeth Kershaw, an aged lady of 70 years, has for a number of years lived in Argos, and since the marriage of her children has with the exception of a day or two on different occasions lived alone. Last Sunday morning about 2 o'clock she heard a noise at one of the windows, and got out of bed to learn what was there. Upon discovering no cause for the disturbance she once more retired. The wretch, who afterward was recognized by her as Leroy Bracus, a strapping young man of 21 years of age weighing some 200 pounds, then went to the wood shed, and breaking the fastening off the door commenced an assault upon the door leading into the house. By this time the thoroughly terrified woman waited with bated breath his further move.

After gaining access into the house after forcing the first door, he proceeded to break down two other doors that were between him and his intended victim. When he succeeded in reaching the old lady he had stick of wood in his hand, and threatened to kill her if she made any noise. As the light in the sitting room was burning and fearing she would recognize him, he put his hand over her eyes, while with the other he grasped her wrist, dragging her across the floor and blowing the light out. He demanded money, at least ten dollars. The poor woman only had 35 cents and gave him the pocket book. He then dragged her to the bed, and despite her pleadings ravished her. Then again he compelled her to accompany him while he searched drawers and every possible place of finding money.

Failing to find any money, he once more accomplished his hellish purpose. The poor woman by this time had become so terrorized that she promised the brute that if he would let her go she would secure the money for him. This he agreed to do and went out of the house with her. She staggered across the street to a neighbors residence, and in her feeble condition managed to arouse the inmates. Bracus it seems did not have the nerve to await results and escaped.

When the alarm was given it was but a short time until he was apprehended. To further prove the guilt of Bracus, a silver ten cent piece was found on his person that had been presented to Mrs. Kershaw by her nephew, Bert Bowell, of this city and which was in the pocket book. At the time he gained possession of it.

The record established by Leroy Bracus, would fill quite a large book. He has been noted for his devilish disposition. He has served a term in the reform school, and all his actions seem to designate the brute.

He was hustled out of Argos and brought to Plymouth Sunday, and it is considered fortunate for his carcass that the move was made, as soon as it was, or the indignant citizens of that community would have in their righteous indignation put him where he would have other business to perform.

Mrs. Kershaw is reported as prostrate by the cruel treatment, and being so old it may prove fatal.

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